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**NO WEBSITE
NO MIRC
NO E-MAIL**

**HERE'S THE 2ND VOLUME OF THE MANGA: LOVE HINA
FOR THE FANS BY A FAN.**

**REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, GO BUY IT!
PAGES HAVE BEEN CROPPED TO GET RID OF THE GUTTER,
BUT IT'S STILL VISIBLE,
AS I REALLY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE QUALITY.
SCANNED > CROPPED > CLEANED > SAVED.**

**ALSO I'VE DONE A QUICK JOB ON ANY DOUBLE PAGE SPREADS,
JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY ATTEMPT, GO BUY IT FOR
YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..
ANYHOW ENJOY!**

NEXT UP: NOT SURE :P

**NOTE: HERE WE GO FOR ONE MY FAVOURITE SERIES OF ALL TIME.
PROBABLY WHAT GOT ME HOOKED ONTO SHOUJO,
EVEN IF ITS NOT SHOUJO ITSELF.
ITS ONE OF THE MORE UNDERAPPRECIATED SERIES,
AND I WAS EXPECTING SOMEONE TO HAVE DONE
A HQ RELEASE BY NOW.**

**THANKS TO ALL THE VARIOUS GROUPS WHO INITIALLY WORKED ON IT.
AND HERE'S THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH VERSION, WITH NO MISSING
BUBBLES AND SMALL UNREADABLE TEXT....WELL I HOPE NOT.
REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, BUY IT. I DID... TWICE.
AND BECAUSE I ACTUALLY TOOK APART THE BOOK TO SCAN
IT PROPERLY, DON'T EXPECT ME TO DO IT AGAIN.
PS: I'M NOT MAKING A SEPERATE CREDIT
FOR EACH RELEASE =D**

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Bumbling Keitaro Urashima is finally getting used to being the landlord of a romp-filled, all-girls dorm. Although academically challenged, Keitaro is determined to pass his impending college entrance exam. Passing means he'll finally get into the prestigious Tokyo University with the girl of his dreams, Naru Narusegawa. Failure means humiliation - and moving back home. With the bright and beautiful Naru as his tutor, he might just stand a chance of success - as long as he can keep his mind on his studies and off his tutor.



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**NARU
NARUSEGAWA (17)**

BRAINY AND BEAUTIFUL, SHE RELUCTANTLY HELPS KEITARO STUDY, AND SHE HAS DEVELOPED A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. COULD SHE POSSIBLY BE HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART?



**KEITARO
URASHIMA (19)**

THE LANDLORD-IN-TRAINING AT MINATA HOUSE. SURE, HE'S A NICE GUY, BUT HE'S A BIT OF A LOSER. HE'S NEVER EVEN HAD A GIRLFRIEND BEFORE! DESPITE HIS DIM-WITTEDNESS, HE'S DETERMINED TO GET INTO TOKYO U.



**MITSUME
KONNO (19)**

SHE'S OLDER AND SASSY. MITSUME'S NICKNAME IS "KITSUME," WHICH IS JAPANESE FOR "FOX." SHE LOVES TO TEASE KEITARO, AND SHE WORKS AS A FREELANCE WRITER.



KAOLLA SU (13)

A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT WHOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REMAINS A MYSTERY. IS SHE AUSTRALIAN? INDIAN? NO ONE KNOWS! ONE THING IS CERTAIN - SHE HAS BOUNDLESS AMOUNTS OF ENERGY.



**SHINOBU
MAEHARA (13)**

SHY AND INNOCENT, THE OTHER GIRLS TRY TO PROTECT HER FROM KEITARO'S ANTICS, BUT SHE HAS DEVELOPED A CRUSH ON HIM.



**MOTOKO
AOYAMA (15)**

KNOWN AS "KENDO," MOTOKO TAKES HER MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING VERY SERIOUSLY. SHE IS SOMBER AND ATHLETIC.



**HARUKA
URASHIMA (27)**

KEITARO'S AUNT. SHE'S A NO-NONSENSE WOMAN WHO WAS THE PREVIOUS LANDLORD OF MINATA HOUSE. SHE OFTEN GIVES KEITARO WISE ADVICE.

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Love Hina

JAPANESE WINTERS
FEEL
SOOOOO
GOOD!

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SUCH
NICE
WEATHER.

MMM?



...I LIKE
STUDYING
ON MY
OWN
MORE,
GOT IT?!

LOOK, FOR
THE PAST
COUPLE OF
WEEKS I'VE
BEEN
HELPING
YOU STUDY,
BUT...

WILL
YOU STOP
FOLLOW-
ING
ME?!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON? WHY
ARE YOU
BEING SO
GOLD ALL
OF A
SUDDEN?

ALL I'M
ASKING
FOR IS A
LITTLE
HELP, I
SWEAR.



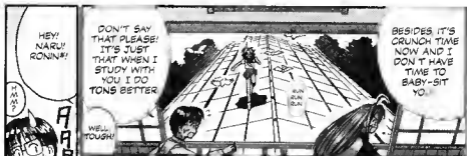
HEY!
NARU!
RONIN#!

ハハハ?

DON'T SAY
THAT PLEASE!
IT'S JUST
THAT WHEN I
STUDY WITH
YOU I DO
TONS BETTER

WELL
TOUGH!

BESIDES IT'S
CRUNCH TIME
NOW AND I
DON'T HAVE
TIME TO
BABY-SIT
YO.



*RONIN - A COLLEGE-HOPEFUL WHO HASN'T PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.



HINATA.7 Come On, Let's Sleep Together! ♥



WHERE DO YOU GET OFF ONLY GETTING A NOSEBLEED FROM OGUNG A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER'S UNDERWEAR?

WASN'T MY "GOOD MORNING" NICE AND REFRESHING?



KICKING OUT-OF-THE-BLUE!



HEE-HEE, I GUESS I MISSED MY LANDING!

TEE HEE HEE



THAT'S A NO-NO!

I'LL SHOW 'EM TO YOU AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE!

SEE?



THAT'S A SECRET.



GIRLS FROM IN-INDIA... THEY'RE, UM, PRETTY GENEROUS, AREN'T THEY?

MM

MM

BOUNTY



URM ...

SU, BE WARNED, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE WITHIN AN ARM'S LENGTH OF THIS GUY!

IT'S DANGEROUS!



BY THE WAY, KEITARO...

HAHA

...FIT REALLY WELL WITH ONE ANOTHER. KINDA LIKE TWO PIECES OF A PUZZLE.

BOUNTY

BUT IF YOU ASK ME, SU AND MOTOKO ...

IN MY ABSENCE, I TRUST YOU'LL REMEMBER TO LOCK UP THIS PLACE.

OH. AH, I... URM... SEE.

BOUN

I'M GOING TO BE GONE FOR THREE DAYS FOR THE KENDO CLUB'S TRAINING CAMP.

I KNOW IT'S A BIT SUDDEN BUT...

HEH, NOW I WON'T HAVE TO FEAR FOR MY LIFE FOR A WHILE.

JUST SO YOU KNOW THE THOUGHT OF NOT HAVING TO SEE YOUR FACE FOR THREE DAYS BRINGS JOY TO MY HEART

HEY JUST WAIT A DARN

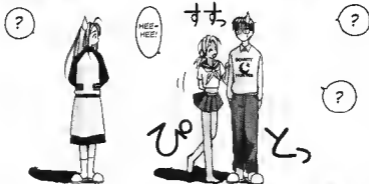
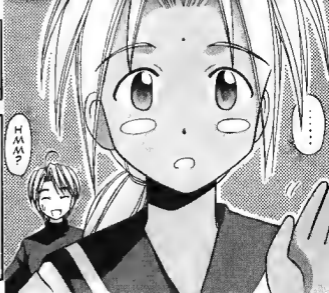
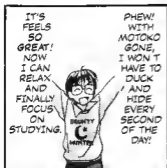
SU CAREFUL NOT TO GET ATTACKED BY THAT FREAK!

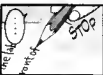
THE CAMP'S AN OVER-NIGHT ONE?

HAVE A SAFE TRIP!

I AM A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE, YOU KNOW!

ISN'T CAMP KINDA... HIGH-SCHOOLISH?











BECAUSE
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE HECK
YOU TWO ARE
GONNA WIND UP
DOING IF
YOU'RE LEFT
ALONE AGAIN!!

WHY
ARE YOU
STUDYING
HERE?



YOU
REALLY ARE
ABOUT AS
MATURE AS
A MIDDLE-
SCHOOLER!

UHM ...

I CAN'T FOCUS
WITH THE TWO
OF YOU FOOLING
AROUND LIKE
THAT ALL
THE TIME!



B-BUT, WE
HAVEN'T
EVEN DONE
ANYTHING,
HAVE WE?!

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ISN'T
IT
GROSS?

TA-DA!

LOOK! THIS IS
KEITARO'S
MOST-
TREASURED
NUDIE
MAGAZINE!



NARU!

YOU WANT ME
TO JUST BE
QUIET AND
STICK TO MY
STUDIES? WELL,
THAT'S TWO
OF US, SO
THERE!



I'VE
BEEN
FOUND
OUT!



YIKES,
SU!

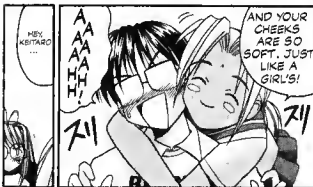
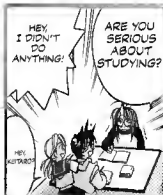
DO YOU
HEAR HER?
I THOUGHT
SHE'D FREAK
OUT!

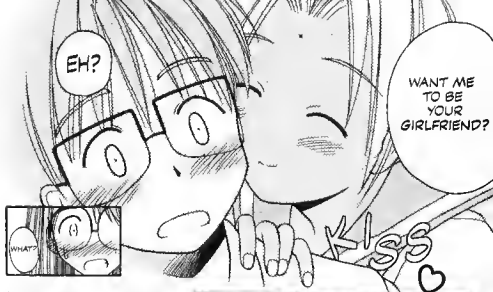


OH, PLEASE, ISN'T
THIS NORMAL FOR
LITTLE BOYS?
FORGET IT, I'VE
GOT STUDYING
TO DO!

EW!!

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I LIKE BOTH OF YOU!
♡

HOW 'BOUT WE ALL THREE BECOME LOVERS!

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE ★



WH-WHAT?! THAT'S MY LINE!

NYA HA HA!

HOW CAN YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

AH.

HUH?

WHEW! I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM TO TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT.

GREAT, WE DIDN'T GET TO STUDY AT ALL!

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KYA HA HA!

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OH, JUST BE QUIET!!

YOU'RE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER, TOO!







OH, WILL YOU TWO JUST STOP IT?

WAIT UP, YOU CRAZY GIRL!



CHARGE!

COME ON, GUYS! LET'S HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT!

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE GOING DOWN!



URR

I SAID STO

TAKE THAT!



HOW DARE YOU?!

AH!!



BAM!

DID YOU JUST THROW CHAIRS AT ME?

BWAAHH!



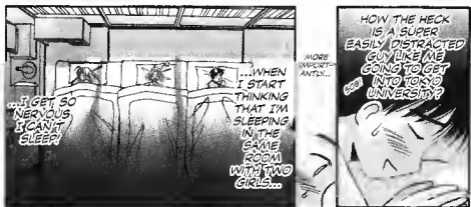
OH, SALT LICK

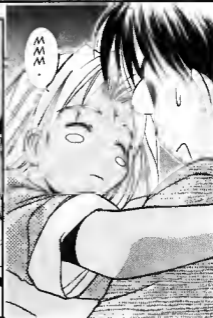
NWA HA HA!



URRAW?

SLIP







BIG
BROTHER
...

YEAH
...

NOW
I
UNDER-
STAND

OH,
SU.

EVEN A
GIRL LIKE HER
GETS LONELY,
I GUESS.
MAYBE
THAT'S WHY
SHE ALWAYS
FOLLOWS
SOMEONE
AROUND.

NO MATTER
WHAT SHE
DOES, SU'S ONLY
13 YEARS OLD.
PLUS, SHE'S SO
FAR AWAY
FROM HER
FAMILY AND
HOME. SHE'S
ALL ALONE IN
JAPAN.

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EH?







BUT I
THOUGHT
THERE
WAS NO
CHRISTMAS
OR NEW
YEAR'S FOR
A RONIN

OH, HA
HA! YOU'LL
TAKE IT
BACK
ONCE YOU
LOOK AT
THIS!



HEY,
NOW!!

WELL, THEY DO
SAY THAT A
CANDLE ALWAYS
BURNS BRIGHTER
RIGHT BEFORE
IT GOES OUT,
Y'KNOW!

SO, THIS IS
WHAT
THEY
CALL... A
DIVING
WING,
RIGHT?



LOOK, I'M
ALWAYS HELPING
YOU OUT, SO
IT'S NATURAL
THAT YOUR
GRADES HAVE
IMPROVED!

I KNOW!
I'VE
JUST
BEEN
GETTING
INTO THE
SWING OF
THINGS.



IT'S A
MOCK TEST
BASED ON
THE ACTUAL
ENTRANCE
EXAMINATION
TO TOKYO
UNIVERSITY.

WHAT'S
THAT? A
MOCK
PLACE-
MENT
WHAT?



IN OTHER WORDS
IF I PASS ON
THIS MOCK EXAM,
THEN I'VE GOT
A GOOD CHANCE
OF PASSING
THE REAL
EXAM TOO.

AND OUR
PREP SCHOOL
IS ACTUALLY
PRETTY
ESTABLISHED
IN EVALUATING
THE RESULTS
OF THESE
TESTS.

I
SEE.

B
C
D



I'M
GOING TO
SLAY IT
AND THEN
RIDE THE
MOMENTUM
'TIL THE
END!!

TOMORROW'S
THE MOCK
PLACEMENT
TEST FOR
TOKYO U!



AT LEAST, DON'T BE A COMPLETE MORON!
GOOD LUCK!

HUH?

GOOD LUCK!

GO FOR IT!



A-HA!



AND I'LL MAKE AN INDIAN NEW YEAR'S DISH!!

I'LL BAKE A CAKE!

SO, YOU GET THE RESULTS ON THE 24TH, RIGHT? WELL THEN, HOW 'BOUT WE HAVE A PARTY IF YOU PASS?!



HEY, KEITARO!!

WHAT A SWEET POOL!

YOU'RE A REALLY FRIENDLY GUY!

THANKS, GUYS!
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST!!



UH, THANKS, AUNT HARUKA.

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IT'S THE PHONE IN THE ENTRANCE HALL.



HUH? YEAH. OF COURSE I'M DOING WELL.



HUH? MOM? WHAT ARE YOU CALLING ME FOR?

HELLO?



YEAH, I'M GOING TO TRY FOR TOKYO U AGAIN THIS YEAR...



DON'T MEAN TO SPOIL YOUR FUN, BUT THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU.



LOOK, DON'T WORRY.
THIS YEAR IS GOING
SO PERFECTLY FOR
ME. I KNOW I'LL GET
IN, I SWEAR. I'VE GOT
AN A-RANKING FOR
POTENTIAL ENTRANCE
POSSIBILITY!



COME
HOME
NOW? WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

WHAT?!

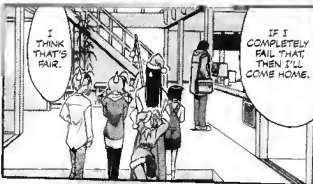


EVERY-
THING'S
A-OK!

YES
THAT'S
RIGHT.

OF
COURSE
THEY
DIDN'T!
WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING?

DID HIS
GRADES
REALLY
IMPROVE
THAT
MUCH?!



I
THINK
THAT'S
FAIR.

IF I
COMPLETELY
FAIL THAT,
THEN I'LL
COME HOME.



HMM.



HEH HEH! THIS ISN'T
THE OLD KEITARO
ANYMORE.
I'M GOING TO
SHOW EVERYONE...

...A
TOTALLY
NEW SIDE
OF ME.



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UH-
HUH.
YES,
YES.

OKAY,
BYE.



TOMORROW
THERE'S
THIS MOCK
TOKYO
UNIVERSITY
TEST THING...

THEN
HOW
ABOUT
WE DO
THIS?



NOW I KNOW
YOU'RE DOING
THAT ON PURPOSE,
YOU IDIOT!! EACH
AND EVERY TIME!

I'M NOT EASY,
YOU CREEP!



THANKS
FOR
THIS
GREAT
MEAL!



YOU
HAVE TOO
MANY
ACCIDENTS,
YOU PIG!

IT
WAS AN
ACCIDENT,
I
SWEAR!



OH, I KNOW.
YOU WENT
PEEPING AGAIN
AND GOT A
GLANCE OF
NARU'S FIST
INSTEAD,
HUH?

UM,
YOU
SEE...



KEITARO,
HOW'D YOU
GET ALL
THOSE
CUTS AND
BRUISES?



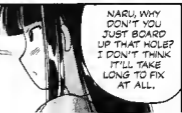
BUT THEN
AGAIN, THAT
IDIOT LIVES
THERE
NOW.



WELL, THAT WAS
GRANDMA'S
ROOM
BEFORE.



NARU, WHY
DON'T YOU
JUST BOARD
UP THAT HOLE?
I DON'T THINK
IT'LL TAKE
LONG TO FIX
AT ALL.



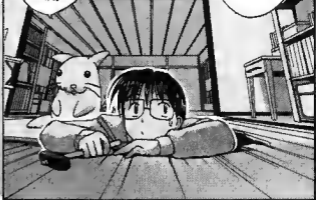


OH, WELL.
I'M JUST GONNA
FIX THE
FLOOR,
AFTER
ALL.

HOPE SHE
DOESN'T
MIND ME
LETTING
MYSELF
IN.

WEIRD.
I GUESS
SHE HASN'T
COME BACK
TO HER
ROOM YET.

ICK! THE
WOOD'S
ALL
ROTTEN
IN HERE



COME
TO THINK
OF IT,
I'VE BEEN
PRETTY
LUCKY
LATELY!

NOT
THAT I'M
COMPLAINING.
THIS HOLE'S
GIVEN ME
A LOT OF
NICE
MEMORIES.

STILL,
I WONDER
WHY THERE
WAS A
HOLE LIKE
THIS IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!

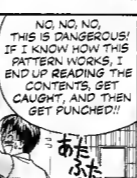
HEH
HEH!

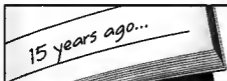
MAYBE MY
20TH YEAR
OF LIFE IS A
LUCKY ONE,
AFTER ALL!

PUSH.

MY
STUDIES
ARE GOING
PRETTY
WELL, FOR
ONE...

...AND I'M
FINALLY
BEGINNING
TO GET
FRIENDLY WITH
NARU AND
THE OTHER
GIRLS.







I ENDED UP HAVING TO TUTOR THAT IDIOT AGAIN.
HOW COULD HE NOT UNDERSTAND SUCH SIMPLE PROBLEMS?
OOOOH, IT IRRITATES ME SO MUCH THAT HE'S SO
STUPID, SUCH A STUPID, STUPID, STUPID IDIOT!
THE IDIOT JUST KEEPS CONFIRMING TO ME EVERY DAY
THAT, YES, HE REALLY IS A BIG DROOLING IDIOT!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE
EXAMS ARE COMING
UP LATELY, I'VE BEEN
FEELING SO UNSURE
AND WORRIED. I MEAN,
THE REASON I'M AIMING
FOR TOKYO UNIVERSITY
IS BECAUSE 15
YEARS AGO...

EHEH!

MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
WHY DO I FEEL SO LOST?
EVEN THAT IDIOT SEEMS
TO BE HAVING SO
MUCH FUN STUDYING.

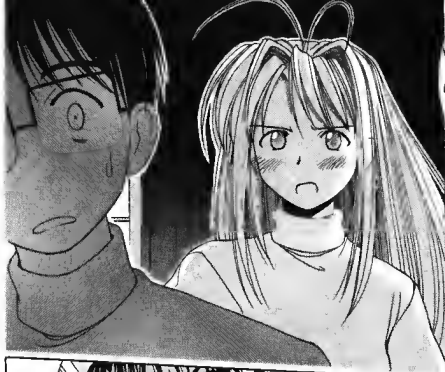


IDIOT!!

15
YEARS
AGO...!!!

PROMISE!





WHAT
ARE
YOU
LOOK-
ING
AT?



...I
NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU'D
DO
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THIS!

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU
STOOPED
TO
WATCHING
ME
CHANGE...

DON'T
YOU
THINK
READING
SOMEONE'S
DIARY IS THE
LOWEST OF
THE LOW?

IT'S NOT
WHAT
YOU
THINK!
I WAS
JUST
TRYING
TO FIX THE
FLOOR.

FRET
FRET

NO!
YOU
SEE,
I...
WELL, I...

FLAIL
FLAIL



... DOORS
AH!
I CUT
MY LEG.



I KNOW
THAT
WAS ALL
MY FAULT
IN HER ROOM.

NO MATTER
WHAT,
I GOTTA
APOLOGIZE
TOMORROW.



I'M
OFF!

アハハハ
...

NEXT
MORN-
ING.



OOOH!
GOOD
LUCK,
KEITARO!

DO
GOOD!

UM,
YEAH,
THANKS!



THANKS
... I THINK?

FUNT.

BEHOLD, A
WARRIOR'S
MERCY.

COULD SHE
BE THAT
GIRL FROM
15 YEARS
AGO?

NARU...



KEITARO,
YOU
REALLY
ARE DOING
A LOT
BETTER
THAN
BEFORE,
HUH?

SURE,
I GUESS
YOU
COULD
SAY THAT.

URM,
NO.
NO-
THING
LIKE
THAT!

DID
YOU DO
SOME-
THING
TO HER
AGAIN?

SHE
LEFT
BEFORE
YOU
GOT
HERE.

BY THE
WAY, HAVE
YOU GUYS
SEEN NARU
TODAY?

DID YOU GUYS
COME HERE
TO CHEER ME
UP OR TO
DESTROY MY
CONFIDENCE?!

DANG, NOW
THE TEST IS
STARTING!

BUT EVEN
IF YOUR
GRADES
START
GETTING
BETTER
NOW...

...IT'S
JUST A BIT
TOO LATE,
ISN'T IT?



WELL,
GOOD
LUCK!



ARE YOU
THAT
SWEET
GIRL FROM
MY PAST?
IT'S TOO
MUCH OF A
COINCIDENCE.

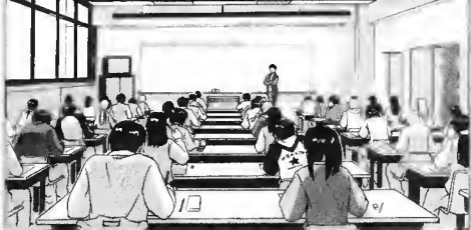
BUT NOW I'M
CURIOUS ABOUT
WHAT SHE WROTE
IN HER DIARY,
ESPECIALLY THE
15 YEARS AGO PART.
WHAT WAS THAT?

OH, MAN.
SHE REALLY
IS MAD, NOT
LIKE I DIDN'T
EXPECT IT.

WELL, I KNOW
I'LL DEFINITELY
APOLOGIZE TO
HER FOR READING
HER DIARY WHEN
I GET HOME
TODAY.

RIGHT NOW,
I'D BETTER
CONCENTRATE
ON THIS
MOCK TEST.



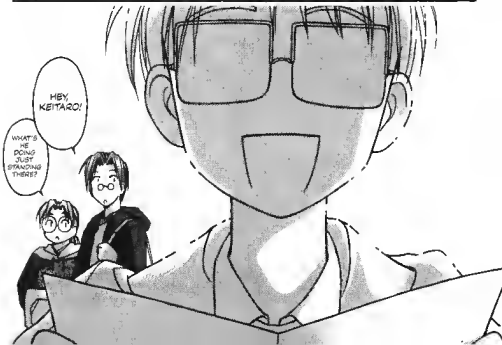




School Name	Evaluation	Chance of Passing
Tokyo University Lib I.	D	0%



National Average	Overall Evaluation
49	You may wish to change your desired school. You did not pass. Your efforts are futile.





EVERYONE! THE CAKE'S FINISHED BAKING
YAY!





I GUESS IT'S
TIME FOR ME
TO LEAVE
HINATA HOUSE.

I GUESS...



THAT I'D
GO HOME.

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Evaluation	Chance of Passing	National Average
D	0%	49

I EVEN TOLD
MY PARENTS
THAT IF I DIDN'T
DO WELL ON
THIS MOCK TEST,

You may wish to:
You did not get

I DOUBT
WE'LL
EVER MEET
AGAIN.



GOODBYE,
EVERYONE.

NOW THAT I THINK
OF IT, I DON'T HAVE
MY CREDIT CARD,
MY INSURANCE, OR MY
SPECIAL PHOTO
BOOTH NOTEBOOK,
EITHER. IT'S ALL BACK
IN MY ROOM!

SALE
X'mas

AAAAHH!
MY
WALLET?

H
M
M
M
?

「LOVE HINA」

THAT'S IT!
I'M LEAVING THIS
DAMN PLACE!
I'M SOOO GONE!

LATELY
HE'S BEEN
IN THE
CLOUDS
TALKING
ABOUT
HOW HE'S
ON-TRACK,
BUT...



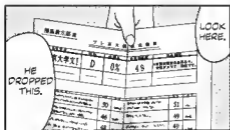
HA!
AIN'T
THAT
THE
TRUTH!

OH, PLEASE!
I'M SURE
HE DID SO
POORLY ON
HIS TEST
THAT HE
COULDN'T
BEAR TO
COME HOME
AND FACE
US.









LOOK HERE.

HE DROPPED THIS.



HUH?!
KEITARO?

THAT IDIOT
YOU JUST WITNESSED
KEITARO
URASHIMA

BUT WHY HIM?



HE MADE THAT PROMISE WITH HIS PARENTS, AFTER ALL.

NO WONDER HE CAN'T COME HOME.

WHAT DOES "FUTILE" MEAN?

HA HA

0%.



I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH TERRIBLE GRADES!!

WOW!!
THIS IS HORRIBLE!!



HE SHOULD STILL BE CLOSE BY.

I'M GOING TO GO FIND HIM!



SHINOBU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



HMMMM. I WONDER IF HE'LL REALLY LEAVE US?



HUH?

DON'T DO THAT, SHINOBU.



IT'S
BETTER
IF WE JUST
LEAVE
HIM ALONE
FOR NOW.

JUST
LET
HIM
GO.



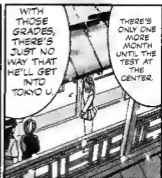
ESPECIALLY
AFTER HE PUT
ON SUCH A
BIG FACE. JUST
TO END UP
WITH GRADES
LIKE THAT...
BRINGING HIM
BACK WOULD
ONLY RUB
SALT IN HIS
WOUNDS!

YOU
HAVE A
POINT
THERE.
I MEAN,
IT WAS
OK,
WASN'T
IT?

EVEN IF WE
BROUGHT HIM BACK
HERE, IT WOULD BE
MORE OF THE SAME
THING. HE STILL
WOULDN'T GET IN,
SO IT'S BETTER IF
WE HELP HIM
GIVE UP.

WITH
THOSE
GRADES,
THERE'S
JUST NO
WAY THAT
HE'LL GET
INTO
TOKYO U.

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
MORE
MONTH
UNTIL THE
TEST AT
THE CENTER.



COME TO
THINK OF IT,
NARU... TWO
YEARS AGO,
WEREN'T YOU
IN THE SAME
BOAT AS HIM?
DIDN'T YOU
HAVE GRADES
THAT WOULD
NEVER GET YOU
INTO TOKYO
UNIVERSITY?

BUT YOU HAVE
TO ADMIT...SINCE
KEITARO CAME
TO HINATA HOUSE
HIS GRADES HAVE
IMPROVED
HAVEN'T THEY?

B-
BUT
...



EH?

WELL
...



BRINGING
HIM
BACK
WOULD
BE
USELESS.



BESIDES IF HE FROZE TO DEATH SOMEWHERE... MIGHT LEAVE A BAD TASTE IN YOUR MOUTH RIGHT?



HEY



...THAT YOU'D BE JUST A LITTLE BIT SAD ABOUT IT?

DON'T YOU THINK IF YOU WERE TO PART WAYS WITH HIM NOW...



KITSUNE ...

HE MAY BE A CLUMSY PERVERT, BUT HE'S STILL OUR CARETAKER ON SOME LEVEL, RIGHT?



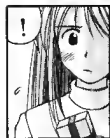
WELL, OH WELL, THEN.



DO WE ALWAYS HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM?

SU'S GOING TOO!

I'M GOING TO GO FIND HIM.



FLIP



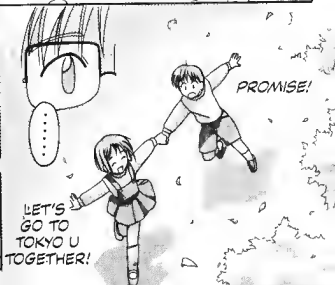
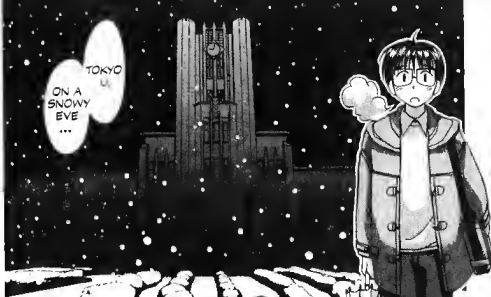
HMM? WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE? IT'S ADDRESSED TO YOU.

NO ONE DROPPED IT.



HE'S
SUCH AN
IDIOT ...





I
REALLY
DO
WANT
TO GET
IN.



WELL
...

...I
GUESS
THIS IS
THE LAST
TIME
WE SEE
EACH
OTHER.

...









TWO
SWEET
POTATOES,
PLEASE.

COMING
RIGHT
UP!

RATIS

SHE
HASN'T
HEARD
A WORD
I SAID!!

WHA?



?

BESIDES,
I'VE
ALREADY
DECIDED
TO GIVE UP
TOKYO U
AND GO
BACK
HOME.



IN FRONT OF
TOKYO U ON
A SNOWY
CHRISTMAS EVE
JUST THE TWO
OF US. IT'S A
BIT ROMANTIC.
DON'T YOU
THINK?

HEY WILL
YOU JUST
SERIOUSLY
LISTEN TO
ME FOR A
SECOND?
I...



AH...
THANKS.

HERE
YOU
GO.

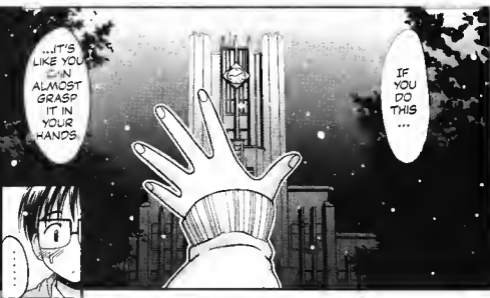


I FIGURED
THE LAST
THING YOU'D
WANT TO
DO BEFORE
YOU LEFT
WAS SEE IT
ONE LAST
TIME.

AND
IT'S
UNDER-
STAND-
ABLE,
TOO.



EH?



WE
CAN'T
GIVE UP
JUST
BECAUSE
OF SOME
MOCK
TEST.

LET'S
BOTH
TRY
OUR
BEST,
GOT
IT?





MMMPH!

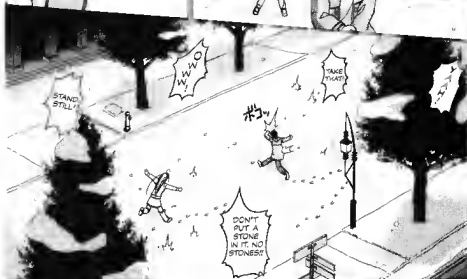
HA HA!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
THERE, SIL--



HA HA
WHO'S THE
IDIOT NOW?



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'D HIT
SOMEONE
WHO'S DOWN
IN THE
DUMPS



ARE WE
REALLY
STUDY-
ING
FOR
EXAMS,
OR
WHAT?

OH, MY GOD,
I KNOW I
DIDN'T COME
ALL THE WAY
TO TOKYO U
FOR THIS.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

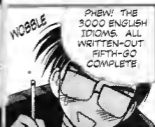


*SEMPAI - TRADITIONAL JAPANESE EXPRESSION OF RESPECT FOR AN ELDER



















PLEASE
LET ME
GET INTO
TOKYO
UNIVERSITY!

PLEASE!!!



BUT I
WASN'T
DONE
YET!!

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OKAY OKAY,
THAT'S
ENOUGH.
TIME TO
GO CHECK
OUR
FORTUNES!

AND
MATH,
AS
WELL.

AND
ENGLISH,
TOO.
PLEASE
LET ME
PASS.

YOU LOOK
PRETTY
DARN
SERIOUS
ABOUT
IT, IF YOU
ASK ME.



OOOH,
I GOT
THAT,
TOO!
♥

MEDIUM
LUCK!

I
ONLY
GOT A
LITTLE
LUCK

OKAY, I
SUPPOSE
I'LL GIVE
IT A GO,
TOO.

OOOHH!!
THE
BEST
LUCK!!

THANKS
FOR
WORKING
TODAY,
MOTOKO.

AH,
THERE
YOU
ARE!



OH,
PLEASE,
IT'S JUST A
FORTUNE.
I DON'T
TAKE THESE
THINGS
SERIOUSLY!!

THE
FORTUNES
HERE ARE
PRETTY
FAMOUS FOR
COMING
TRUE. WHAT
IF YOU
DRAW BAD
LUCK?!



EH?
WHY?

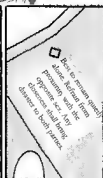
PERHAPS
YOU
SHOULD
REFRAIN
FROM
DRAWING
YOUR
FORTUNE.

About the Next Failure.

- ◆ Best to remain quietly alone. Refrain from proximity with the opposite sex. Any closeness shall bring disaster to both parties.



I'M ALREADY
HERE WITH
GIRLS!









SO, THE
FORTUNE
CAME
TRUE.

YOU DID
DRAW WORST
LUCK AFTER
ALL, DIDN'T
YOU?

HM?

WE HAVE NO
CHOICE, I
SUPPOSE. I'LL
TIE IT FOR
YOU, URASHIMA,
YOU CAN HOLD
ME UP.

EH?

HA
HA
HA

THERE
ARE ONLY
THE
BRANCHES
AROUND
HERE
AREN'T
THERE?

OH, YEAH!!
I TOTALLY
FORGOT
ABOUT
THAT!

YOU'RE SO STUPID
URASHIMA. DON'T
YOU KNOW THAT
ANY BAD LUCK
YOU RECEIVE FROM
A FORTUNE WILL
BE TAKEN AWAY
BY TYING IT TO
A TREE BRANCH?





* BAWA = PENTAGONAL PIECE OF WOOD
 INSURED WITH A PERSON'S STRONGEST
 WISH. JAPANESE NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM.

I NEED TO GO
TIE THIS FORTUNE
TO A BRANCH
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE!

WHY? WHY? WHY?
ALL THIS BAD
LUCK! IF THIS
CONTINUES I'LL
LOSE MY CHANCE
AT TOKYO U.



I CAN
ALREADY
FEEL THE
MISFORTUNE
CLOSE
AROUND
ME BUT...

HEY MISS
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

AAA!!
WHY IS THERE
A GIRL IN A
KIMONO JUST
LYING IN
FRONT OF
ME?

EH?

HUH?
WHY, IF
IT ISN'T
KEITARO!



YOU'RE SO NAUGHTY THIS EARLY IN THE YEAR!

AND YOU'RE SO MISTAKEN!



WELL, THERE'S AN ALL-YOU-CAN-DRINK DISPLAY OF SWEET SAKE SO... I HAD ABOUT 30 OF THEM.

KITSUNE, YOU'RE DRUNK, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, PUSHING ME ONTO THE LAWN LIKE THIS?

RIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T PUSH YOU DOWN!

BUT, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUSH A GIRL DOWN YOU NEED TO GET PERMISSION FIRST?



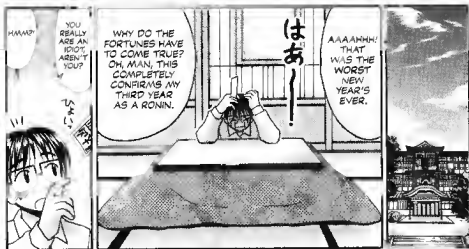
EH?

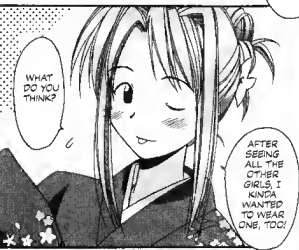
LET AN OLDER WOMAN SHOW YOU ALL SORTS OF THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW.

...I REALLY DON'T MIND AT ALL.

OH, WELL. SO LONG AS YOU'RE UP TO IT, KEITARO ...











WHICH OF
THE FOLLOWING
PERSON'S REIGN
OR PERIOD OF
ACTIVITY DOES NOT
COINCIDE WITH
THAT OF LOUIS XIV,
WHO RULED FROM
1643 TO 1715:

1. WILLIAM III AND MARY II
OF ENGLAND
2. PETER I OF THE HOUSE
OF ROMANOV
3. EMPEROR KANG XI OF THE
MANCHU DYNASTY
4. PRESIDENT GEORGE
WASHINGTON
OF THE UNITED STATES.

OKAY,
HERE'S
THE LAST
"WORLD
HISTORY"
PRACTICE
QUESTION.

FOUR.

HMMM.
NU...
NUMBER
FOUR.

YOU JUST
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
PASS THE
CENTER
EXAM!

HMM...

NARU
KNOWING
THE ANSWERS
IS ONE THING,
BUT FOR
KETARO TO
SCORE OVER
70% IN OVER SIX
SUBJECTS...

IT'S SO
SURPRISING!

OOOOHHH!!

THAT'S
CORRECT.

WHAT?!

NOW THAT
I THINK OF IT,
I DID PASS
LAST YEAR'S
CENTER EXAM.

I TOTALLY FORGOT.

HMMMM?
WAIT A
MINUTE.

WHAT
ARE YOU
CRYING
ABOUT?

WOW!
I CAN
FINALLY
GET ALL
OF THESE
QUESTIONS
RIGHT!!





YEAH,
WE'LL TRY
OUR BEST
TO GET INTO
TOKYO U
TOGETHER!

LET'S DO IT!

WELL,
WE'VE
COME THIS
FAR NOW.
GOOD LUCK
TO THE
BOTH OF
US!

TO OUR DOUBLE-
ENTRANCE!



OH, THAT'S
RIGHT!! IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO GET
INTO THE SAME
SCHOOL, THAT
MEANS YOU'RE
ALSO COMPETING
FOR SEATS.

EH?



BUT WAIT,
I THOUGHT
TOKYO U
HAD LIMITED
CAPACITY.



OH, BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOU?
I MEAN, YOU'VE
BEEN A RONIN FOR
TWO YEARS NOW,
SO DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S YOUR
TIME TO SHINE?

WELL, IF IT
CAME DOWN
TO THAT, THEN
I'M SURE THAT
NARU WOULD
BE THE ONE
GETTING IN!!

I MEAN SHE'S ONE
OF THE NATION'S
TOP KIDS.



EH?



WHICH MAKES
IT SO THAT
IF ONE OF YOU
PASSES, THE
OTHER MAY
FAIL.

AH
...



WELL, OF
COURSE!

MY, MY,
THOSE
TWO ARE
CERTAINLY
BUDDIES
NOW!

SMILE
SMILE



NO, NO, NO,
PLEASE!
I GIVE THE
ODDS TO
THE RONIN.

NO, NO, NO,
I'M SURE
IT'S GOING
TO BE YOU,
NARU!

JANUARY
15TH, THE
DAY BEFORE
THE CENTER
EXAM

NOW
I'M
STARTING
TO WALK
FAST...
GETTING
NERVOUS.

OKAY I'VE
GOT
ABOUT
AT 30%
CHANCE
OF PASSING.
THEY
TELL YOU
TO REST
THE DAY
BEFORE
THE EXAM,
BUT I FEEL
LIKE I NEED
TO PREP
JUST
A BIT.

...ALMOST
TOMOR-
ROW.

IT'S...

OF COURSE!
I MEAN, WHAT'S
THE USE IN
GETTING ALL
PANICKY AND
CRAMMING WHEN
YOU SHOULD BE
WORRYING ABOUT
WILLPOWER AND
YOUR BODY?
MENTAL AND
PHYSICAL FITNESS
IS KEY!

EH?
NO...
I MEAN
...

IS IT
THAT "NOT
STUDYING
THE DAY
BEFORE
THE TEST"
THING?

はっ... たり...
AH!

OH, H, THERE
YOU ARE!
WE'VE
BEEN
WAITING.

NOW
EVERYONE'S
HERE

YEAH,
JUST
A BIT.

HMMM.
I SEE...
SURE ARE
CONFIDENT,
AREN'T WE?

HMMM,
DID YOU
JUST
GET
BACK?







WAIT
A SEC,
I CAN'T
JUST
ANSWER!

YOU
HAVE 30
SECONDS
TO
ANSWER
THE
QUESTION



WHAT?!

WHA
...

ARE WE
DOING
A TRIVIA
CONTEST?

HUH?
WHAT
NOW?

EH?

QUESTION!
IF A AND B ARE REAL
NUMBERS, AND THE
SURFACE OF LINE XY IS THE
SURFACE OF THE OPEN
INTERVAL OF A, IF C IS THE
POINT OF INTERVAL THEN

(1) THE TRIANGLE ABC IS A
TO D = 40π MINUS AC
WHICH IS INCLUDED IN
SURFACE OF (A,B) OR
(2) IF (A,B) MOVES AROUND 1,
THEN A BECOMES THE
GREATEST NUMBER OF (A,B)
THEN (C,D) ARE LESS
THAN THE COVERED
AREA OF THE TRIANGLE.



HEY RULES ARE
RULES. THIS IS A
CONTEST AND
YOU GOTTA STRIP
IF YOU ANSWER
INCORRECTLY



WHAT?
HEY LEAVE
MY CLOTHES
ALONE!

YOU'RE
SO
WRONG!
THE
CORRECT
ANSWER IS
ONE! YOU
LOSE,
KEITARO!



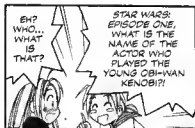
STRIP.

WRRONGG!!
ONE
MORE
FOR YOU!



OKAY, NEXT
QUESTION. WHAT
IS THE NAME OF
THE FIRST CLUB
ALBUM FOR THE
SOLO SINGER
MISIA?!

WH
WHAT?



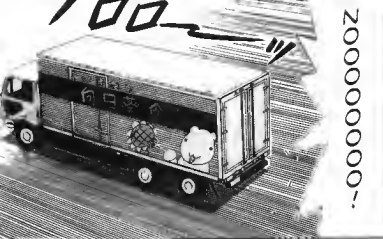


WE'RE LAAAAAATTTTEEEE!!













WHY'D
THIS
HAVE TO
GO AND
HAPPEN?

AAAAHH!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS!!



WHAT WAS
THE POINT OF
ME STUDYING
SO HARD ALL
THESE YEARS?
WHAT WAS
THE USE,
ANYWAY?



SIGH.



IT'S
COLD.

I FORGOT
MY
SWEATER.

SHIVER

I MEAN,
THE WORLD'S
A BIG PLACE,
BUT WHY DO
WE KEEP
GETTING INTO
MESSSES
LIKE THIS?

WITH THE
CENTER
JUST IN
FRONT OF
US, I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WE'D GET
TRAPPED
IN A
CARGO
TRUCK.

AND WITH GRASS
AND SALMON EVEN.



THE SAME
GOES FOR
ME,
YOU KNOW?
I MEAN,
I'M IN THE
SAME BOAT
AS YOU,
AFTER ALL.



IT'S
SO
STUPID!

THIS
REALLY
SUCKS.



HMMMM.



HEY,
COME
OVER
HERE
NOW.

YOU'RE GONNA
CATCH A COLD



WE
REALLY
ARE
HOPE-
LESS,
AREN'T
WE?

SIGH
...



OH,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT ANY-
MORE

LOOK,
I'M REALLY
SORRY.
IT'S ALL
MY FAULT
THAT--



BE A
THIRD-
YEAR
RONIN?

WHAT
ARE
YOU
GONNA
DO
NOW?



NO,
IT HAS
TO BE
TOKYO U
OR
NOTHING
AT ALL.

HEY, THERE'S STILL THE
PRIVATE SCHOOLS. WITH
YOUR GRADES, I BET
YOU COULD EASILY GET
IN PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO
BE TOKYO UNIVERSITY,
YOU KNOW.



THEN
WHY?
WHAT IS
THERE AT
TOKYO U?



WELL
IT'S
NOT
REALLY
THAT.

WHY ARE YOU
SO SET ON
TOKYO U, ANYWAY?
IS IT BECAUSE
YOU WANT TO
BECOME AN
ATTORNEY OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



HUH?





THE
EXAM
SITE!

HINATA
UNIVERSITY!

THE...

日向大学

KEITARO!

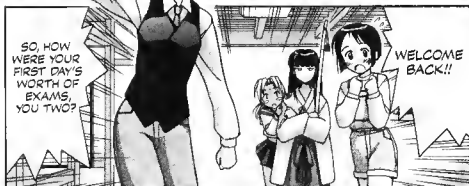
NARU!



ビターン
SPLAT











NO...
MORE...
PLEASE.

JUST A
SECOND
THERE,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING ALL
BLEACHED?



KYA
AA
AA
AA
H
H
H



FU FU... I
THINK I'M
BURNED
OUT.
BURNED ALL
THE WAY TO
ASH.

DOOOOOOMMM



JAPANESE WAS A
DISASTER AND
BIOLOGY WAS
EQUALLY TERRIFYING.
I'M ABSOLUTELY
POSITIVE I'M NOT
GOING TO MAKE
THE CUT NOW!

I...I...I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO CONFIDENCE
WHATSOEVER
IN MY TESTS
TODAY!



BESIDES,
IT'S OVER
NOW, SO YOU
SHOULDN'T
THINK
ABOUT IT.

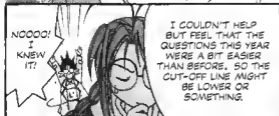
YOU WON'T
KNOW FOR
SURE UNLESS
YOU SCORE
THE TEST
YOURSELF.



I
WANT
TO DIE!!

AAAAH!!
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO FACE
SHINOBU
EVER AGAIN!
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

KEITARO,
STOP
RIGHT
THERE!



NOOOO!
I
KNEW
IT!

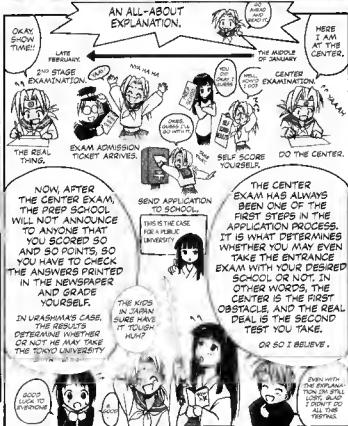
I COULDN'T HELP
BUT FEEL THAT THE
QUESTIONS THIS YEAR
WERE A BIT EASIER
THAN BEFORE. SO THE
CUT-OFF LINE MIGHT
BE LOWER OR
SOMETHING.



BUT,
STILL
...

ほ

I...I
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.







HE CAN'T SMOKE.

RESULTS
OF SELF
SCORING:
600 POINTS!
RIGHT ON
THE MONEY!!



NOW, BASED
ON LAST
YEAR'S DATA,
THE CUT-OFF
POINT SHOULD
BE... 580
POINTS, SO... I
DID IT!! I GOT
PAST THE FIRST
STAGE!!



ALL OF
THE
QUESTIONS
I ANSWERED
WITH
MY GUT
I GOT
RIGHT!



IT...IT...
IT...IT'S A
MIRACLE!!
JUST LIKE
LAST YEAR!
I DID IT!
WOOHOO!

BUT
I CAN
HEAR A
WEIRD
LAUGH.

IT
SOUNDS
LIKE
HE'S NOT
DEAD
YET.

HA
HA
HA!

WHOA!
HE'S
LOST
IT.



IF I GO
ON LIKE THIS,
I'LL GET TO
THE SECOND
EXAM AND
THEN... AND
THEN I'LL
GET IN?!

MAYBE I'M
JUST LIKE ONE
OF THEM NEW
TYPES*! LOOK AT
THE AMOUNT OF
QUESTIONS
I GOT RIGHT!
SUBCONSCIOUSLY,
I JUST KNEW
THE ANSWERS!
THAT'S GOT
TO BE IT!!









URASHIMA!!
HAVEN'T YOU
LEARNED YET
NOT TO BOTHER
ME WHEN I'M
PRACTICING?





BUT...
BUT...?!

IT FELT
LIKE HE
WAS READY
TO TAKE
HIS OWN
LIFE AT ANY
MOMENT.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

NO
MATTER
HOW YOU
LOOK AT
IT, THAT
BEMUSED
SMILE OF HIS
JUST ISN'T
RIGHT.



TO HAVE
HIM JUST
DIE THAT
WAY IS
SUCH A
CRUEL
FATE.

NOT ONLY
WILL HE
BE A THIRD-
YEAR RONIN,
BUT HE
DOESN'T
EVEN HAVE
A GIRL-
FRIEND.

I FEEL
SO HORRI-
BLE FOR
SEMPAI.

ISN'T
THERE
SOME-
THING
WE CAN
DO?

URM
...
URRR
...
AAAH
...



JUST
LEAVE
THIS ALL
TO ME.

I
GUESS
WE
HAVE
NO
CHOICE,
THEN.



THAT'S IT! AND
EVERYONE
KNEW IT BUT
ME! THIS IS
DEFINITELY
A POSSIBILITY.
I MEAN, HOW
COULD A GUY
LIKE ME GET
GRADES THIS
GOOD, AFTER
ALL.

AND EVEN NARU
SAID IT WAS
SO EASY.



THE CUT
FOR THIS
YEAR IS SO
HEINOUSLY
HIGH THAT
I'M
RELEGATED
TO RONIN
STATUS
AGAIN.

AH!!
JUST
MAYBE
...!!



HMMPH...
WHY WON'T
ANYONE
SHARE
MY JOY?

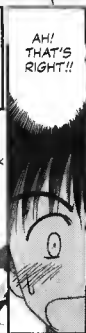


WELCOME, WELCOME!

HUH...

ARE THERE YOU ARE





COME ON
KEITARO
DRINK UP
WILL YA?!

OW
WW
WW!!

HMMM
...
YOU
REALLY
ARE
QUITE
TENSE,
AREN'T
YOU?

TH
THANKS.

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バツサ

THEY ALL...
THEY ALL REALLY
CARE ABOUT ME.

I...I CAN'T
BELIEVE THAT THEY
WOULD ALL GO THIS
FAR FOR ME...
I'M SO HAPPY.

HIS ENTIRE
FUTURE WAS
JUST HALTED,
YOU KNOW. EVEN
THOUGH HE'S
DENSE, DO YOU
THINK THAT THIS
PARTY WOULD
WORK?

WELL, DON'T
YOU THINK
BOYS WOULD
APPRECIATE
THIS?

URM, JUST
WHAT IS
ALL THIS
SUPPOSED
TO ACCOM-
PLISH?

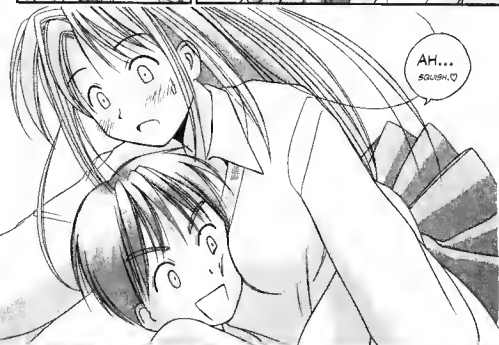
HMMM?

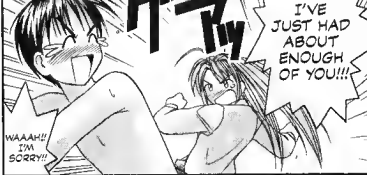
HEY
KITSUNE
YOU
GOT A
SECOND?

WELL, HE DID
HAVE A HORRIBLE
CENTER
TURNOUT, SO...
I GUESS IT
WOULDN'T
HURT TO BE
NICE TO HIM
FOR ONE DAY.

WELL, IF
YOU ASK ME,
IT SURE
LOOKS LIKE
HE'S PRETTY
HAPPY.







I MEAN, I KNOW
I GOT CUT OFF
WITH MY GOO
POINTS, BUT RIGHT
NOW, I FEEL
SO HAPPY.

IT'S TRUE.



THIS IS THE
NICEST THAT
YOU'VE ALL BEEN
TO ME SINCE
I FIRST
CAME HERE.

GOO
POINTS.

HOW
MANY
POINTS
WAS
THAT?

EH...?



YE...
YEAH.
I THINK
HE'S
FINE...

NA...NARU...
GOO POINTS?
SO THEN
HE DIDN'T...



W
W
A
A
H?!

WHAT NOW?!

THEN
WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
JUST
SAY
SO!!

I STILL
CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT YOU
WERE EVEN
ABLE TO
GET GOO
POINTS
WITH THAT
ATTITUDE.

WOO!
I REALLY
PASSED!!

THREE
DAYS
LATER.
THE
CENTER
BULLETIN.



THIS IS
REALLY IT.
I'M GETTIN'
PUMPED
ABOUT IT.

ONLY 20
DAYS TO
GO BEFORE
THE SECOND
STAGE OF
EXAMS.

STILL,
THERE'S JUST
SOMETHING
THAT I HAVE
TO ASK HER.

IT'S BEEN THREE
MONTHS SINCE I
CAME TO HINATA
HOUSE, AND
RECENTLY
THINGS
HAVE BEEN
GOING PRETTY
WELL WITH
NARU!

HAA
...

AH
...

ACHOO
ACHOO.

COUGH
COUGH.

HACCHOOO.

AJIOO
...

I
WONDER
IF IT
COULD
TRULY
BE HER.

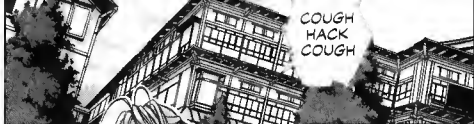
I WONDER
IF IT WAS...

THE 15-
YEAR-OLD
MEMORY
OF THAT GIRL
I ONCE
MET...

HINATA.13
In Dreams







COUGH
HACK
COUGH



I DON'T
THINK YOU
HAVE ANY
CHOICE
BUT TO
GET SOME
REST.

101.7°F.



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コホッ
URRR...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I'D GET
SICK DURING
SUCH AN
IMPORTANT
TIME...



BUT ALL 100,000
COLLEGE-READY
STUDENTS ARE AT
THEIR DESKS RIGHT
NOW DOING THEIR
BEST TO STUDY. I
DON'T WANT TO BE
THE ONLY ONE
SLEEPING IN.

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ハハハハ

THAT'S
REALLY
EASY TO
SAY,
BUT...



WELL, I'M
GOING TO
GO BUY
AN ICE
PACK, SO
JUST STAY
THERE,
OKAY?

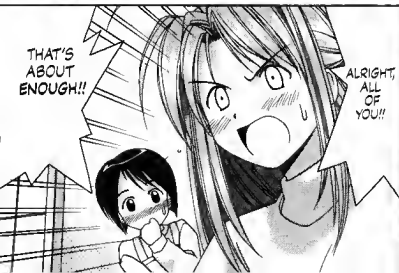
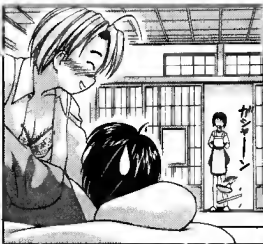


YOU
ALIVE
OR
WHAT?!

Uggghh.

HIYAS,
KEITARO!!







SO IF YOU GUYS KEEP UP THE HORSEPLAY HIS COLD WILL GET WORSE. AND WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN.

AS CLUMSY, STUPID, AND PERVERTED AS THIS IDIOT IS, HE IS STILL TECHNICALLY A STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF HIS EXAMS.



ALRIGHT, THEN, READY?



YES, MA'AM.

SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS, DON'T TOY WITH HIM LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO UNDERSTOOD?



SEE?

A WHILE AGO, I FOUND THIS BOOK THAT'S ALL ABOUT YOU.



WELL...



IT SAYS "TARO URASHIMA"

IT'S CALLED KEITARO URASHIMA!!

HUH?



I... WANTED TO READ A BOOK I BOUGHT FOR KEITARO. IS THAT OKAY?

HMM? WELL... I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE ALRIGHT.



SU, STOP IT, PLEASE!! I USED TO GET TEASED ALL THE TIME FOR HAVING THAT NAME!!

"ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A PLACE FAR, FAR AWAY, THERE LIVED A YOUNG LAD BY THE NAME OF KEITARO URASHIMA..."



SHE'S GETTING INTO IT!!

"KEITARO STEPPED IN TO SAVE THE TURTLE FROM THE CHILDREN." WOW, KEITARO, YOU'RE SO NICE!!



"ONE DAY WHEN KEITARO URASHIMA WAS WALKING ALONG THE BEACH, HE WANDERED UPON SOME CHILDREN TEASING AND TAUNTING A TURTLE." HOW HORRIBLE!! THAT'S SO MEAN.



HEY, I'LL READ YOU A BOOK TOO.

HHMM, I SEE HER POINT. IT MUST BE SO LONELY FOR YOU TO SLEEP HERE, CURLED UP IN THE MATTRESS WITH NO COMPANY.



URM, YOU GUYS?

ARE YOU DOING THAT ON PURPOSE?

"THE GOOD? AND JUST WHAT HAVE THEY DONE FOR US? ALL THEY DO IS LAUGH AND WATCH US FROM AFAR..."

"BUT STILL, WHY WOULD I BE HAPPY. WHY, YOU ASK?"

"AND IN THE DRAGON PALACE, WHERE THE SEA BREAM AND HALIBUT DANCED..." OH, HOW FANTASTIC!

"AND IN THE MOMENT WHEN THEIR TWO SWORDS MET..."



OH, NO... EVERYTHING'S GETTING HAZY...

UGH...I'M... LOSING... CONSCIOUSNESS...

"I CANNOT TRUST ANYONE... I'VE BEEN TRICKED... THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN HERE..."

AAAAAH. I GIVE UP! DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

HMM, CAN YOU GET A TREASURE BOX?

"NOW PLEASE TAKE THIS TREASURE BOX HOME WITH YOU. I SPOKE THE PRINCESS."

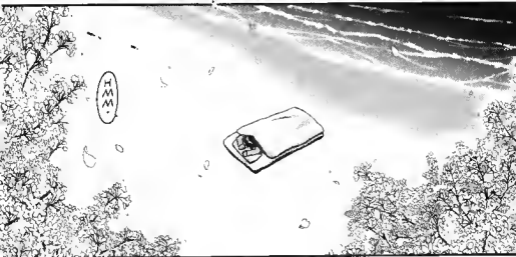
"AND THE NIGHT THAT SHADOWED THE WHITE GARS AND ILLUMINATED COLDLY AGAINST THE HARBOR RAGED SLOWLY BUT..."

AT THIS RATE,
MY SECOND
EXAM FOR TOKYO
UNIVERSITY'S
GONNA SLIP AWAY.

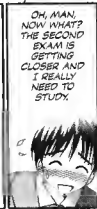
THIS
IS SO
BAD.

WHY AM I
REPEATING TOKYO U'S
EXAM AGAIN?

HUH?
TOKYO U?







*ONIICHAN - A WORD USED BY YOUNGER SIBLINGS AND CHILDREN WHICH MEANS "BIG BROTHER."

WWAAHHHHH!

AN OSTRICH!

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ARE YOU
ALIIIVVE?

WH...
WHY ARE
YOU SO
SMALL?

S...
S...
SU?

HEY!

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I HEARD
YOU ARE
SICK,
KEITARO.

うるん

THE BEST
THING
WHEN
YOU'RE
SICK IS
EGG MALT!

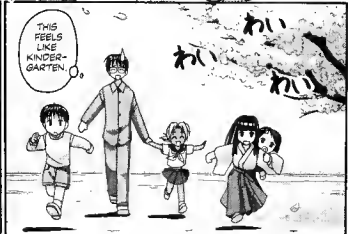
HUH?

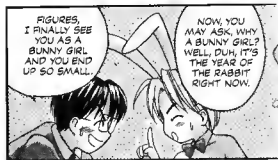
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WHOOAH
?!

TAKE
THAT!









FROM A LONG TIME AGO... I REMEMBER RUNNING DOWN THIS STREET A LOT WHEN I WAS A KID.

THAT'S RIGHT!!

THIS STREET HERE... I KNOW THIS PLACE...

THE STREET THAT THAT GIRL SHOWED ME!

THAT'S IT. THIS IS THE ONE.

HINATA HOUSE.

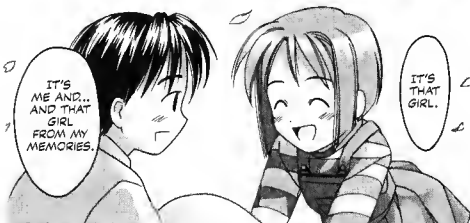


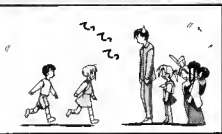
NOW I REMEMBER. I HAD COME TO HINATA HOUSE A LONG TIME AGO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

KYA KYA.













KEITARO'S A PERVERT!

NARU... ARGHHH.



ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A REALLY BAD DREAM THERE.

HA?

HUH? NARU...









THEREFORE, TO
NOT BE THE
LAUGHING STOCK
OF THE TOWN,
I'VE BEEN MAKING
FAKE CHOCOLATES
FOR MYSELF
EACH YEAR!



HA HA HA
THAT'S RIGHT
FROM THE DAY
I WAS BORN TO
NOW I'VE
YET TO RECEIVE
A SINGLE PIECE
OF CHOCOLATE ON
VALENTINE'S DAY.

HYAAAAH HOU!!
NOW!!
TIME TO
STUDDDDDDYY!
STUDY TIME!!



AND
THIS YEAR
AGAIN, I'LL
SUCCESSFULLY
ESCAPE THE
RIDICULE OF
HAITANI
AND SHIRAI!!



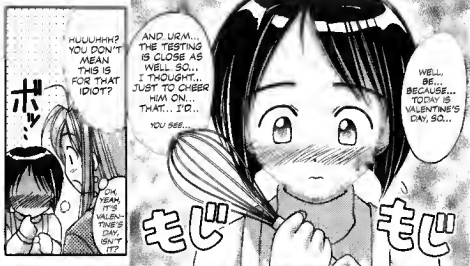
AND
HAVING TO
DO THIS
OVER THE
YEARS, I'VE
SLOWLY
POLISHED MY
CHOCOLATE-
MAKING
SKILLS TO
THAT OF A
PROFESSIONAL
PASTRY
CHEF!

THE NEXT
DAY,
FEBRUARY
14TH.



WHATCHA
MAKING,
SHINOBU?







HUM?
WELL...
BECAUSE
...

WHA...
WHAT?
WHY
ME?



NARU, I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE GOING TO
GIVE SEMPAI
YOUR SPECIAL,
HONMEI-CHOCO*
TODAY.



AND SO YOU
KNOW, I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NO
PLANS TO GIVE
THAT IDIOT ANY
CHOCOLATE
AT ALL!

OH...
YES.

SHI... SHINOBU,
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL
WRONG! THE ONLY
REASON WE'RE
TOGETHER IS
BECAUSE I HAVE TO
TUTOR THAT MORON.
I'M NOT FRIENDLY
WITH THAT JELLY-FOR-
BRAINS AT ALL! NOT
ONE BIT, I SAY!!



RRRR...

...YOU
TWO ARE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER.
AND YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
FRIENDLY.



JUST
CALM
DOWN,
SHINOBU.

NOT THAT...
URRR...
NOT THAT
I AM OR
ANYTHING...
OR CARE
ANYTHING
ABOUT
SEMPAI...
UHH!



YOU'RE
SO PRETTY,
NARU.
THERE'S JUST
NO WAY THAT
I COULD EVER
COMPETE
WITH YOU,
AFTER
ALL.



AH!!



I
SEE...
I'M...
GLAD
ABOUT
THAT.

HUM?

* CHOCOLATE GIVEN TO FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IS KNOWN AS GIRI-CHOCO, WHILE CHOCOLATE GIVEN TO LOVERS AND PEOPLE YOU LIKE IS CALLED HONMEI-CHOCO.



I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SEE IN THAT IDIOT.

OH, NARU, THANK YOU SO MUCH!



I CAN CHEER YOU ON FROM THE SIDELINES, OKAY?

I UNDERSTAND, LOOK, I CAN'T COOK AT ALL, SO I CAN'T HELP YOU OUT, BUT...



SHE REALLY SEEMS TO BE PUTTING HER ALL INTO IT, THOUGH.

HAAA, BUT WOW...



VALENTINE'S DAY, HUH?



I DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS.

WHAT AM I THINKING!! IT'S 10 DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT EXAM!



NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE BEEN STUDYING SO MUCH THESE PAST TWO YEARS THAT I HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS.



AND ONCE AGAIN, I SURVIVED THE DAY THANKS TO THE HELP OF THE FAKE STUFF.

HOW AND HOW'D YOU GET SOME THING LIKE THAT RIGHT?

WHOA, WHAT'S WITH THAT CHOCOLATE!!

HSH HSH.

EIGHT!!

LET'S SEE, NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND HAITANI GETTING CHOCOLATE, BUT HOW THE HECK DOES SHIRAI ALWAYS END UP WITH CHOCOLATE TO BRAG ABOUT EVERY YEAR AS WELL?



HINATA HOT SPRINGS. HINATA HOT SPRINGS.



HEAAAA!
UM, STILL
I WISH THAT
I COULD GET
AN HONEST
TO GOD
CHOCOLATE ON
VALENTINE'S
DAY





HERE YA GO!
HERE'S YOUR
VALENTINE'S
DAY
CHOCOLATE.



WHAT'S
UP,
KITSUNE?

HEE
HEE.

HAH!! THERE'S
A SPOT HERE
THAT I
MISSED!



I'M SO
HAPPY... I'VE
NEVER GOTTEN
CHOCOLATE
BEFORE FROM
A GIRL UNTIL
NOW!

OH, IS
THIS
REALLY,
REALLY
TRUE,
KITSUNE?



OH NO
THAT WAS
SEMPAI'S FIRST
CHOCOLATE
EVER?! DARN IT!
I SHOULD HAVE
JUST GONE OUT
THERE AND GIVEN
MINE TO HIM



NA NA
HA, HA,
WELL
THEN,
GOOD
LUCK
WITH
YOUR
STUDIES.

AAAHHHH,
MY FIRST
EVER
CHOCOLATE'S
A 10 YEN
ONE, HUH?



10 YEN
CHOCOLATE.



HOLD ON A
JUST A...

BY THE
WAY, ON
WHITE DAY*
I WANT
THIS
OUTFIT,
A WATCH,
AND THIS
RING,
TOO!

* ON 2/14, GIRLS GIVE GUYS CHOCOLATE AND ON 3/14 GUYS RETURN THE FAVOR.



KEITARO!
I GOT
THE CHOCO
FOR YOU!
EAT UP!
YUMMY!

URM,
SEMM
...

O...
OKAY
THEN.









AFTER
SEEING A
CHOCOLATE
LIKE THAT
IT'S JUST TOO
EMBARRASSING
TO GIVE HIM
THIS THING.

...

SOB.

I'LL
NEVER
EVER GIVE
ANYONE
CHOCOLATE
AGAIN.

I'LL
NEVER...

NOOO!
DON'T
DO IT!!
DON'T
JUMP!!

AH!
SEMPAI!!

SHINOBU!!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON HERE?

THIS ISN'T
WHAT YOU
THINK IT IS!
THIS
CHOCOLATE
S...

HUH?

IF I HAVE TO
REVEAL THE TRUTH
RIGHT NOW,
WON'T THIS JUST
END WITH TOTAL
HUMILIATION?

WHY DID THE
GALLERY GROW
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

AAAH!!

JUST
LEAVE ME
ALONE

PLEASE,
DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
ANIMORE!

SOB.

I'M SURE
IT'S FROM
ONE OF THE
CUTEST GIRLS
YOU COULD
EVER
IMAGINE.

WHOA
LOOK AT
THIS BEAST
OF A
HOMEMADE
CHOCOLATE

DON'T
DO
ANYTHING
RASH

SHINOBU
FOR
HEAVEN'S
SAKE CALM
DOWN!

KYA...

AAAH!

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ABOUT
THIS
CHOCO-
LATE

LOOK
SHINOBU
...



AH...
SEMPAI
...



IT'S A
COMPLETELY
SELF-MADE,
SELF-
DELUDING
PIECE OF
CRAP!

BECAUSE
I'M SUCH A
LOSER, IT'S
SOMETHING
I MADE FOR
MYSELF JUST
SO I COULD
HAVE
VALENTINE'S
CHOCOLATE.

HUH?

I
KNOW
I'D
BE
HUMAN-
ATED

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ははは

HEE HEE,
WHAT'S UP
WITH THAT?
THAT IS
SOOOO
PATHETIC!

SELF-
MADE...
YOU
MEAN...
YOU MADE
THIS...
YOURSELF?

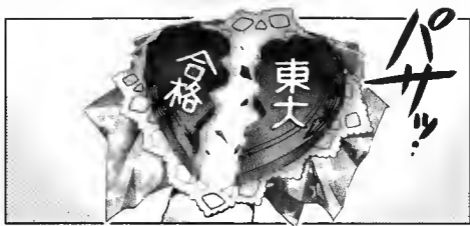
THANK
YOU SO
MUCH,
SHINOBU.

PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST ON
YOUR
SECOND
EXAMI-
NATION,
SEMPAI!

THIS IS A
CHOCOLATE
I MADE TO
ENCOURAGE
YOU TO
PASS.

...I...
I JUST
MISUNDER-
STOOD
SO...

URM...
URR...
I'M
SORRY,
SEMPAI.





I...
I REALLY
AM
SORRY.

RRRR, HOW
IRRITATING.
THANKS TO
YOU, IT WAS
ANOTHER
WASTED
DAY.



IT'S
FROM
ME, I
SUPPOSE.

SOME
CHOCOLATE.

HERE
YOU
GO.



AH... I
COMPLETELY
FORGOT.



YOU...
YOU
REALLY
MEAN
IT?!

HUH?



ALRIGHT!
THAT'S
ENOUGH.
WE'VE GOT
STUDYING
TO DO.
STUDYING!!

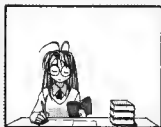
THANKS
SO MUCH,
NARU!!

AND JUST
SO YOU
KNOW IT'S
ONLY
BECAUSE
WE'RE
FRIENDS.
OBLIGATORY
EVEN

"SIDES I DIDN'T
WANT TO FEEL
LEFT OUT WHEN
EVERYONE ELSE
HAD GIVEN YOU
SOMETHING."

GRAB

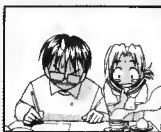




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HINATA 15
Together
Forever 2/23



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TOKYO UNIVERSITY
SECOND EXAMINATION.

SO IT'S
ALMOST
HERE...
THE DAY OF
RECKONING
IS ALMOST
HERE!

AND TO
TOP IT
OFF, FOR
SOME
INSANE
REASON,
I EVEN
SIGNED
UP FOR
LIB !!

あああああ
AAARRRHH!
IT'S NOT LIKE
I HAVEN'T SAID
THIS BEFORE, BUT
I DON'T HAVE
ANY CONFIDENCE
THAT I CAN
EVEN DO THIS
AT ALL!

IT'S NOT
THE MOCK
TEST OR THE
CENTER TEST.
IT'S THE
REAL DEAL.
THE REAL
SECOND
EXAM.

TOMOR-
ROW'S
THE
SECOND
EXAM
FOR
TOKYO U!

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はあはあ
はあはあ

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LIB IS THE HARDEST OF ALL THE LIBERAL ART MAJORS

HEY,
KEITARO!
IT'S
TIME FOR
FOOD!

OUCH...
MY
STOMACH
...

THE
STRESS
IT IS



UH, YEAH.
I GUESS
I'M JUST SO
NERVOUS
THAT MY
STOMACH'S
ACTING UP.

OWWWW.

YOU
DON'T
SEEM TO
HAVE AN
APPETITE
TODAY.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



HMM?
HEY,
WHAT'S
THIS?

WELL, I
GUESS
TOMORROW
IS
SHOWTIME,
SO...



WAAAH!!
GIVE ME
BACK MY
EXAM BID!!

WHAT A
WEIRD
FACE!

WHAT IS
THIS?
AHA HA
HA!

はははは



KEITARO,
ONE OF
YOUR
FRIENDS
IS ON THE
PHONE.

WELL, IT'S
NOT THE
PICTURE
THAT
MATTERS,
IS IT?

HA HA

I THOUGHT
THAT SMILING WOULD
GIVE A BETTER
IMPRESSION, SO I KINDA
FORCED MYSELF TO
SMILE AND THAT'S
THE RESULT.

COME ON
NOW.
CHEER UP!

ばん!

SLAP

BESIDES, IF YOU
HAVE THE
COMPOSURE TO
DO A STUPID
THING LIKE THAT,
THEN I'M SURE
THAT YOU'LL DO
JUST FINE WHEN
IT COUNTS!

URM...
YEAH
...

HMM?
OH,
THANKS.

YOU GOT IN!
TO YOUR
NUMBER-
ONE CHOICE?!

REALLY?

ALL
NATURAL?

YEAH,
THANKS,
AND
GOOD
LUCK ON
YOUR
SECOND
EXAM.

WELL,
CONGRATS,
ANYWAY

NOW I CAN
FINALLY SAY
GOOD-BYE
TO MY
BITTER RONIN
LIFESTYLE.

HEH HEH.

MAN,
I'M SO
JEALOUS.
THAT'S
COOL,
THOUGH.

I GUESS
ALL THE
LAST-
MINUTE
WORK
REALLY
HELPED.

I
THOUGHT
YOU
GOT
A O
RESULT?

DON'T EVEN
JOKE ABOUT
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

KEITARO, GIVE UP ON
TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
YOU KNOW IT'S
FUTILE. WHY DON'T
YOU RONIN WITH
ME FOR ANOTHER
YEAR? COME ON!

...

THEY
HAVEN'T
SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT HIS
FIRST
CHOICE
YET!

SAY,
HOW
DID
SHIRAI
DO,
HUH?

NOT
THAT
CONFI-
DENT,
THOUGH.

I
SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN
THIS
FROM THE
START
BUT...

BUT IT'S
TRUE. I
GUESS
WITH
MY BRAINS
TRYING TO
GET
INTO TOKYO U
REALLY IS
A FUTILE
EFFORT.

O
W
W
.

...THEN
YOUR
BRAIN
WON'T
WORK
RIGHT.

BUT
IF YOU
DON'T
EAT...

TOO LATE
TO TURN
BACK NOW.
AND I DIDN'T
EVEN GET
A CHANCE
TO ASK NARU
ABOUT
THAT DIARY.

OH.
WHAT
AM I
SAYING?

AH...
NARU
...

HEARD
YOU'D
LOST
YOUR
APPETITE.

SIGH...
I'M
SUCH A
LOSER.

WHA...
URM...
THANKS.

HERE, I
BROUGHT
YOU SOME
MEDICINE
FOR YOUR
STOMACH.

IT'S COOL
TO TAKE ON
AN EMPTY
STOMACH.

YOU'RE
SO LUCKY
Y'KNOW?
YOU'VE GOT
THE BEST
GRADES IN
THE NATION,
AND YOU
PROBABLY
AREN'T EVEN
STRESSED
AT ALL.

OH,
JUST
SHUT
UP.

WH... WHY
ARE YOU
TAKING
ALL THAT
MEDICINE?

OF
COURSE I'M
NERVOUS.
THIS IS
MY VERY
FIRST EXAM.

IT'S
AFFECTING
MY STOMACH
PRETTY BAD,
TOO.

HUH?

HAHAHA.
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT
A GIRL LIKE
HER GETS
NERVOUS.

OH,
THANKS
AGAIN.

HERE
YOU
GO.

HUH?

IT'S
I TEA.

COULD
THIS BE?
OH, JOY!
AN
INDIRECT
KISS!!

IT'S
FINALLY
TOMORROW,
ISN'T IT?

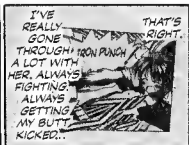
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I GUESS.

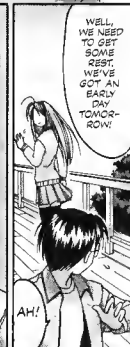
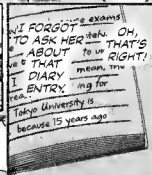
AH
...

...
TOMORROW'S
THE DAY
THAT WE
SETTLE
EVERYTHING,
ISN'T IT?

HUH?

WE'VE BEEN
STUDYING
TOGETHER
FOR THE
PAST FEW
MONTHS,
BUT...





FEBRUARY 25TH.

G...
GOOD
LUCK,
SEMPAI!

JUST
TAKE
IT
EASY.

NOT LIKE
YOU'LL
OWN IT FOR
REAL.

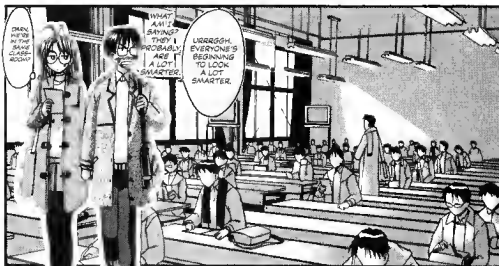
GOOD
LUCK,
KENTARO.

DO
YOUR
BEST.

TOKYO UNIVERSITY: THE DAY OF THE
SECOND EXAMINATION.

THIS IS
THE REAL
THING.

I'M
HERE.



...HE HAS
BEEN
TRYING
AWFULLY
HARD
THESE
PAST
THREE
YEARS.

I KNOW
IT'S
GONNA BE
PRETTY
HARD FOR
HIM TO
PASS THIS
EXAM.

HE
HASN'T
EVEN REALLY
CAUGHT THE
ESSENTIALS
YET, BUT...

WELL, GOOD
LUCK,
THEN!

OH...
YEAH!
YEAH!
SEE YA
LATER

AHHH!
KEITARO
URASHIMA!!

SO ALL HE REALLY
HAS TO DO IS
JUST RELAX AND
NOT GIVE UP, AND
I'M SURE HE'LL...

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WAAAAH!
I'M
SOOOO
SORRY,
SIR!!
AGAIN!

YOU
DROPPED
YOUR EXAM
BID, PLEASE
TRY TO BE
MORE
CAREFUL.
WILL YOU?

YES!
YES,
SIR!!

KEITARO
URASHIMA!!

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NO,
REALLY...
IT'S NO-
THING
LIKE
THAT.
SEE...
IT'S ME!

HAAA? WHY
IS YOUR FACE
DIFFERENT
ON YOUR BID?

EHP?

ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

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THIS IS BAD..
I'M GETTING
NERVOUS
AGAIN.
REALLY
NERVOUS.

WAAH...

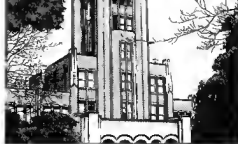
...HE
WON'T
MAKE IT,
AFTER
ALL.

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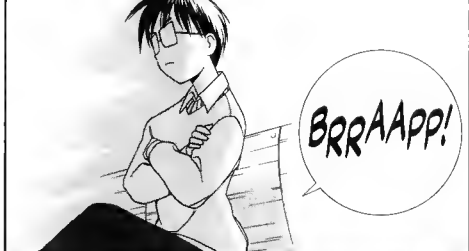
OKAY,
MAYBE
...

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ARE YOU
JUST
GONNA
GIVE UP
AFTER
COMING
THIS
FAR?!

YOU
PROMISED
ME,
DIDN'T
YOU?!



NA...
NARU...



THAT WE
WOULD
PASS
TOGETHER!

YOU
PROMISED
ME,
DIDN'T
YOU?



YOU ARE THAT
GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
THE GIRL IN
MY MEMORIES.

NARU...
IT WAS...
IT WAS YOU,
WASN'T IT?

TO LAUGH
WITH ME...
OR SCOLD
ME...
BECAUSE
SHE...

IT'S BECAUSE OF HER...
BECAUSE SHE WAS
THERE... BECAUSE SHE
WAS ALWAYS THERE TO...

WHAT
WAS I
DOING? WHY
WAS I EVEN
THINKING
OF GIVING
UP? HOW ELSE
DID I MAKE
IT THIS FAR
WITHOUT
COMPLETELY
LOSING
HOPE?

THAT IF I
COULD GO TO
TOKYO UNIVERSITY
WITH HER...

I ALWAYS WONDERED...
SINCE THE BEGINNING...

...AND LIVE
HAPPILY EVER
AFTER.

LET'S GO TO
TOKYO UNIVERSITY
TOGETHER...



I
UNDERSTAND
NOW!

THAT'S IT!
YOU'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
KEEP THAT
PROMISE
FOREVER!
YOU NEVER
FORGOT IT.

I... I'M
GOING TO
KEEP OUR
PROMISE
AS WELL!!

I
UNDERSTAND
NOW,
NARU!!

AND GET
INTO
TOKYO U
WITH YOU!

I'M GONNA
KEEP OUR
PROMISE!

WHAT
IS GOING
ON IN
THIS
CLASS-
ROOM?

AND
THEN,
WE CAN
BOTH
LIVE
HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER!

YES, OF COURSE I WILL!!

CHA CHING

WELL THEN... ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS OR AREN'T YOU?

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HERE I COME... TOKYO UNIVERSITY!!!

DOH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID ALL THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF MY EXAM!

BY THE WAY... YOU NEED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER TALKING, AS WELL.



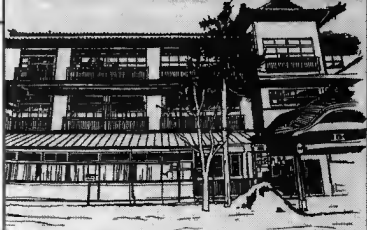
Love Hina.

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Part 2.

CONTINUING WHERE I LEFT OFF IN THE PREVIOUS VOLUME, PLEASE FIND SOME MORE REFERENCE MATERIALS THAT WERE USED IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF DRAWING THIS STORY. THE IMAGES THAT I'VE INCLUDED HERE WERE MAINLY DRAWN BEFORE THE ACTUAL SERIALIZATION, AND ARE BASICALLY "PREP" SKETCHES. THIS TIME, MY FOCUS WILL BE ON THE BUILDINGS.

▶
OBLIQUE
FRONT
VIEW



HINATA
HOUSE:
FIRST
IMAGE



AT FIRST
GLANCE, YOU
MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO TELL
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THIS
IMAGE AND THE
ONE FOUND IN
THE SERIES. BUT
IF YOU LOOK
CLOSELY, YOU'LL
SEE THAT THE
WAY THE 2ND
AND 3RD FLOORS
ARE BUILT IS
QUITE DIFFERENT.

◀
FRONT
VIEW



THE
NEIGH-
BOR-
HOOD
TEMPLE

THE AREA
AROUND
HINATA HOUSE

THE SURROUNDING AREA OF THE DORM
SHOULD LOOK A BIT LIKE THIS.
THE TEMPLE SHOWN ABOVE
IS A DIFFERENT ONE FROM
THE ONE THAT APPEARED
IN THE 10TH EPISODE.

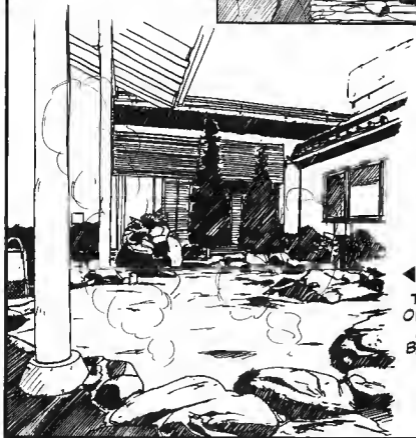
THE
BACK
VIEW
(RIVER)



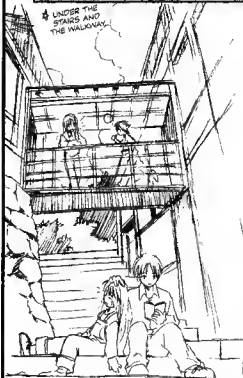
THE BATHS

UNLIKE THE ACTUAL STORY,
THE OPEN-AIR BATH WAS
ORIGINALLY IN THE
COURTYARD (INNER GARDEN).
AS FOR KEITARO'S BATH,
THE INSTANT HOT WATER
MACHINE KINDA INVITES
TEARS, DOESN'T IT?
(LAUGH)

KEITARO'S BATH ▶



◀ THE OPEN- AIR BATH



- ▲ THE ROOF OF THE ANNEX (PLACE FOR DRYING LAUNDRY)

- ◀ THE WALKWAY TO THE ANNEX

THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES TWO OF SHINOBU'S "SPECIAL SPOTS" IS CALLED THE ANNEX. THESE TWO AREAS ARE USED PRETTY MUCH "AS IS" IN THE SERIES.

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